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HEALTH OFFICER MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 20, 2017 **HO Memo #17-015**

TO: Health Officers
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RE: **2017 STI Update –Thursday, June 1, 2017**

The 2017 STI Update will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at **Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, Maryland**. This annual training course is directed to local health department staff involved with STI and Family Planning clinical services, surveillance and prevention, and local health department administrators responsible for communicable diseases. The preliminary agenda is attached. Topics will include health care for transgender patients, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), the opioid crisis, sexually transmitted Zika virus infection, Expedited Partner Therapy, and a clinical update on sexually transmitted infections.

There is no registration fee for this annual meeting. Continental breakfast and a buffet lunch will be provided. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:00 am; presentations will begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Free parking is available on-site. Directions to Ten Oaks Ballroom are attached.

On-line registration opens Thursday, April 20th at <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/business-training-center/customized-training-staff/registrationform.html>.

A confirmation email will be sent to all registered participants. The deadline to register is **Thursday, May 18, 2017**, and **no on-site registration is allowed**. Please register early - we will close registration early if the conference fills up before May 18th.

There is a limit to the total number of registrants we can accommodate, and preference will be given to Local Health Department clinicians and staff from STI and Family Planning programs. If you register and find that you are unable to attend, please notify Howard Community College as soon as possible so we can open your slot up for someone else: Neetika Sharma at nsharma@howardcc.edu or call 443-518-4680.

This will be a “green” conference. Presentations will be posted to the DHMH Center for STI Prevention’s website immediately prior to, or immediately after, the Update.

The course is co-sponsored by the STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at Johns Hopkins and Howard Community College. 0.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided to all attendees through Howard Community College. Attendance at the entire Update is required to receive a certificate for CEUs.

For questions about registration, please contact Neetika Sharma at Howard Community College, as above. For questions about the conference, please contact the DHMH Center for STI Prevention at 410-767-6690. We look forward to seeing you on June 1st.

Attachments:

1. Preliminary Agenda
2. Directions to Ten Oaks Ballroom

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